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Subject: Meeting, August 26, 2011

The agenda for our eighteenth meeting, and supporting material, is attached. Some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting.

Unlike the majority of our Council meetings, August's meeting will be limited to one day only, Friday, August 26, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It will be in a different venue this month. It will be in the Fresno/El Dorado room of the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza in Sacramento. The address is 300 J Street, Sacramento.

The agenda includes a discussion on the California State Park's plan for expanded recreational opportunities in the Delta, the Lead Scientist's Report, and a discussion on the process at the Office of Administrative Law that will turn our Delta Plan policies into law. There will also be an update on the pending release of the Environmental Impact Report, as well as the Council meeting schedule for the rest of the year. It is quite likely that September, October, and November will be two-day sessions (and perhaps twice a month).

**Briefing and Discussion on California State Parks' Recreation Proposal for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh** (Agenda Item 8)

This proposal, funded by the DSC, provides recommendations by the California State Parks Department for expanding recreational opportunities in certain areas in the Delta and the Suisun Marsh, as required in the Delta Reform Act of 2009. The proposal considers not just state park units, but also other public lands and waters suitable for recreation, as well as state highways and other routes used for recreational travel. The proposal also recommends broader collaboration with local agencies, non-profit organizations, and businesses to provide diverse recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to the region. This long-term vision will support the economic sustainability of Delta and Suisun Marsh communities as the region evolves.

**Staff Briefing on the Fifth Staff Draft of the Delta Plan** (Agenda Item 10)

The fifth staff draft of the Delta Plan was posted on the DSC website on August 2, 2011. Although it will be initially discussed by the Council at this meeting, we will have a more in-

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*"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."*

– CA Water Code §85054

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depth review in September and the public comment period will continue through September 30, 2011. The pending Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is being reviewed by our attorneys and consultants, and scheduled for release on September 1, 2011. We anticipate a public hearing on the EIR in mid or late September. The 45-day comment period for the EIR will extend into October, 2011.

September, October, and November will be for final reviews and adjustments to the Delta Plan. As always, it is necessary to ensure the development process remains transparent and that all stakeholders are fully aware of the updated comment periods.

**Finance Matrix Discussion** (Agenda Item 11)

Lastly, we will continue our discussions about how to fund implementation of the Delta Plan. Today, I want to focus on the near-term – given a conceptual amount of funding, what projects or programs should be prioritized to achieve the greatest early success. We will work from additional materials that will be available at the meeting.

If I can answer any questions or provide any information, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or [jgrindstaff@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:jgrindstaff@deltacouncil.ca.gov)

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